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Re: DOJ-2018-006771 (OIP)
DRH:ND

Dear Michael Morisy:

This is responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on May 29, 2018, in which you requested a copy of each FOIA request received by the Office of the Special Counsel of Robert Mueller.

As you may be aware, the Office of the Deputy Attorney General oversaw the activities and operations of the Special Counsel's Office (SCO). Accordingly, FOIA requests for SCO records are handled by this either Office or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), depending on the nature of the records sought. Because SCO was not designated to receive FOIA requests itself, any request that was submitted directly to SCO was forwarded to this Office and/or the FBI for handling. As such, this Office cannot locate the requests you are seeking as such requests were not identified within our tracking system as having been originally submitted to SCO.

To the extent you are seeking a log of requests this Office has received for SCO records, you may submit such a request to this Office. Such a log should identify all requests received by this Office for SCO records, including, but not limited to, requests that might have been originally submitted directly to SCO itself.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552 (2018). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Valeree Villanueva, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal at <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within ninety days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas R. Hibbard", with a small "DR" monogram at the end.

Douglas R. Hibbard
Chief, Initial Request Staff

Enclosures